



Leading Quality Addiction Treatment in the Northern Rockies

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HB 14

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 14

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Rimrock Foundation is a private, non-profit provider of treatment for substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders. Rimrock is Montana's oldest and largest drug and alcohol addiction treatment program, serving over 4000 patients annually in 134 beds and with a large outpatient program in a continuum of service levels.

We applaud the work of the Law and Justice Interim Committee in revising our laws on alcohol and drug-related driving offenses.

Montanans have expressed strong feelings about the multiple DUI offenders and want them off our highways. The five year look-back provision of the old law needs to go. It is time that we become serious about the safety of all who travel our roads and we know from the research, most individuals who are cited for a DUI have driven drunk many times previously. To give a person a pass as the five-year look back provision did is to send the message that we are not really serious about stopping impaired driving.

For the safety of all, please give this bill your support and in doing so, send the voters the right message – we care about your safety and we are serious about stopping impaired driving.